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On 10 April 1953, the East China Military Area Command ordered its military districts to organize one artillery regiment each from their provincial troops before September 1953 in order to increase the combat strength and mobility of provincial troops in the East China area.<sup>1</sup> The directive containing this order made the following stipulations:

- a. Each artillery regiment was to have a minimum of 2,500 and a maximum of 3,500 men.
- b. The regiments were to be equipped principally with mountain guns taken from provincial stockpiles. If this supply should prove inadequate, application for additional arms might be made to the Supply and Service Command of the East China Military Area.
- c. The regiments were to be assigned to training centers for instruction in weapons capabilities, weapons handling, and combat maneuvers.
- d. The mission of the regiments was to include bandit suppression, the apprehension of reactionary agents (sic), and the maintenance of public order.

25X1 Comment the East China  
25X1 Military Area had organized an artillery regrouping and reorganization  
25X1 committee in late April 1952. This committee planned to complete the  
25X1 regrouping and reorganization of artillery units in the East China Military  
Area by July 1953.

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